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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: ROK VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 10, FOLLOWING MOST VALUABLE BRIEFING FROM UNC ARMISTICE AFFAIRS DIVISION AND SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO JOINT SECURITY AREA AT PANMUNJOM, USUN MISOFF WILSON AND EMBOFF KELLEY CALLED ON MR. CHUNG WOO YOUNG, DIRECTOR OF ROK FOREIGN MINISTRY'S I O BUREAU, FOR CORDIAL 90-MINUTE CONVERSATION.

2. WILSON REEMPHASIZED TO CHUNG GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S DEEP REGRET THAT HE COULD NOT VISIT SEOUL. CHUNG, ON BEHALF FOREIGN MINISTER PARK, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS.

3. CHUNG WAS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC IN CONNECTION FORTHCOMING UNGA CONSIDERATION OF KOREA. IN STRESSING ROK DESIRE PREVENT PASSAGE OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, CHUNG MADE CLEAR ROK PREFERENCE FOR DEFERMENT OF DEBATE. CHUNG RECOGNIZED NEED FOR COORDINATED CORE GROUP ACTION ON DEFERMENT AND LOOKED
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FORWARD TO LEARNING RESULTS OF POSSIBLE NORWEGIAN

AND AUSTRALIAN SOUNDINGS CONCERNING SENTIMENTS OF
NORDICS AND ASEANS REGARDING DEFERMENT.

4. REGARDING SEPTEMBER 8-9 U.S.-JAPAN PRE-UNGA
BILATERALS, WILSON SAID THAT JAPANESE VIEWS IN TOKYO IN
GENERAL PARALLELED THOSE EXPRESSED BY JAPAN IN
CORE GROUP: JAPAN IS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT DEFERMENT
AT GENERAL COMMITTEE STAGE, BUT WOULD COOPERATE FULLY
SHOULD CORE GROUP MAJORITY DECIDE ON MOVE FOR DEFERMENT
AT GENERAL COMMITTEE STAGE. CHUNG THANKED US
FOR THIS.

5. CHUNG ACKNOWLEDGED RISKS IN CONNECTION WITH DEFERMENT
MOVE IN GENERAL COMMITTEE, BUT CONSIDERED PROSPECTS
REASONABLY FAVORABLE BOTH IN GENERAL COMMITTEE
AND IN PLENARY.

6. AS TO SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, SHOULD IT
COME TO FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE, CHUNG SAW POSSIBILITY
OF SOME 60 VOTES IN FAVOR. HE FELT CONFIDENT THAT GREAT
BULK OF 1975 SUPPORTERS IN ABSTAINING ON FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION WERE NOT SLIPPING TO LESS FAVORABLE POSITIONS.
CHUNG AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT UGANDA, WHICH ABSTAINED IN
FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN 1975, REPRESENTED AN
UNPREDICTABLE VOTE.

7. CHUNG FORESAW POSSIBILITY OF A
FOUR OR FIVE VOTE DECLINE IN SUPPORT FOR
THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION THIS YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, HE
REGARDED POSSIBILITY OF DEFEATING HOSTILE RESOLUTION
IN FIRST COMMITTEE TO BE REMOTE. NEVERTHELESS, CHUNG
TOOK HEART IN THE PROSPECT OF A DECLINE IN SUPPORT
FOR THE HOSTILE TEXT.

8. CHUNG, WHO WOULD BE TRAVELING IN COMING DAYS WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER PARK TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, SAID
THAT THE ROK PLANNED ON LESS BULKY REPRESENTATION
AT NEW YORK DURING THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. HE INDICATED
THAT ROK OBSERVERS OFFICE WAS PERHAPS OVERSTAFFED
WITH LOBBYISTS DURING 30TH UNGA.
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9. THE OFFICIAL "SEOUL SHINMUN" HAS RATIONALIZED IN THE LIGHT
OF U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S REPORT ON THE
30TH UNGA WHICH DEPLORED PASSAGE OF DUAL RESOLUTIONS,
THAT "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES" SHOULD TWO RESOLUTIONS
ON KOREA BE ADOPTED BY 31ST UNGA.
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